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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114	
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action, dated December 30, 2005. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 6, 2005, making the two-month date for filing an Appeal Brief or taking other action December 6, 2005. ***A Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before February 6, 2006.*** Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is timely filed.